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# West Virginia Penitentiary Board of Directors' reports

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Annual report of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, at Moundsville, W. Va.  
<Fiscal year ending September 30, 1871, Fiscal year ending September 30, 1872>

Report of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary at Moundsville, West Virginia  
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Report of the Board of Directors of West Virginia Penitentiary <Two years ending  
September 30, 1886>

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

PENITENTIARY

AT

MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA,

FROM

DECEMBER 1, 1876, TO DECEMBER 1, 1878.



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# DIRECTORS' REPORT.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

MOUNDSVILLE December 1, 1877.

To His Excellency, HENRY M. MATHEWS,

Governor of West Virginia:

SIR: In obedience to the provisions of the amendment to chapter one hundred and sixty-three, section six, of the Code of West Virginia, passed April 1, 1873, the Directors of the Penitentiary respectfully submit the following semi-annual report of the proceedings of their board for the preceding six months, showing the condition of the Penitentiary, financially and otherwise.

The present board met and entered upon the discharge of the duties of their office on the 10th day of May, 1877. We organized by the election of J. W. Gallaher, President; James K. Smith, Treasurer; Frank W. Brown, Clerk; and A. J. Martin, Commissary.

We found the sanitary condition of the prison good, and the discipline and management of the prisoners in a very satisfactory condition.

The engine contracted for by the preceding board with Messrs. A. J. Sweeney & Son, has been completed and received by the State. It is a fine piece of machinery and will furnish power for all the demands that the institution is likely to make in that direction for many years, provided we had water to run the same. This is the great and pressing need of the institution at this time—in fact, it is now an absolute necessity.

The appropriation made heretofore for this purpose was exhausted some time ago, in the attempt to procure an adequate supply of water from wells within the prison enclosure. All efforts to secure water in sufficient quantities for the wants of the prison in that way have failed, and in the opinion of this board, the only sure way to secure water to supply the needs of the Penitentiary is to bring it from the Ohio river, the cost of which has been estimated at \$2,500.00.

At our organization on the 10th day of May, we found the condition of the appropriations to be as follows:

|                                                                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation for the support of convicts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1877... | \$10,000 00 |
| Amount previously drawn.....                                                               | 9,029 70    |
| Balance undrawn May 10.....                                                                | \$ 970 80   |
| Appropriation for the payment of Guards for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1877...   | 9,000 00    |
| Amount previously drawn.....                                                               | 6,866 10    |
| Balance undrawn May, 10.....                                                               | \$ 2,133 90 |

Leaving only the above balances of said appropriations to run the institution the remainder of the fiscal year.

The bills, filed at that meeting for the support of convicts exhausted the appropriation, and on the 11th day of July, the Guards Pay Roll then presented, exhausted that appropriation and left a deficiency of \$299.60 to be provided for out of the earnings of the Penitentiary. We were thus left without any appropriation for the support of convicts for five months, and for the payments of Guards for three months, but by economical management, and by the assistance of wages received from the hire of convicts, and holding bills over unpaid for several months we were enabled to bridge over the time until the 1st day of October, at which time the appropriations for the next fiscal year were subject to draft.

Since we have assumed control of the management of the prison, we have contracted with Mr. Augustus Pollock, of Wheeling, for the hire of twenty hands in the manufacture of cigars, with the privilege of increasing the number to fifty.

With Messrs. William Mardorf & Co., for the hire of fifty hands to be employed in the manufacture of brooms and brushes; and with Messrs. Weaver & Bardall, for the hire of fifty hands to be employed in the manufacture of whips.

The price paid for said hands is twenty-five cents per day, excepting Mr. Pollock, who pays from one to two dollars per thousand for the manufacture of the cigars. In the three shops, there is at present employed about one hundred and fifty hands, with some prospect of increasing the number.

If we had one other shop of some kind it would about take up all the surplus labor of the prison, which we are and have been making an effort to lease.

The board have recently renewed a contract with the Attorney General of the United States for the keeping of U. S. Prisoners at the rate of twenty-five cents per day, that being the rate accepted by other State Penitentiaries, and we considered that in view of the prospects we had of utilizing this labor, that it was better to keep a limited number at present at that rate, than to not have them at all.

We have had steam heating apparatus put up in the cigar, broom and whip factories at a cost of \$711.00, which we find to be a great improvement over the old method of heating by stoves, and much safer—in fact, almost a sure guarantee against fires, which are becoming so frequent in institutions of this kind.

The very best discipline possible, has been enforced at the prison during the past six months, good order has been maintained, and

prisoners generally have conducted themselves in a commendable manner, and the prison rules have been in the main, enforced.

For a detailed report of the infractions of the same reference is made to the report of Superintendent William L. Bridges, herewith submitted, marked "A," which also contains other valuable information for your consideration.

The health of the prison for the last six months has been good, there having been but two deaths, both United States prisoners. For a full report of the Medical department of the prison, you are referred to the report of Dr. George W. Bruce, Prison Physician, herewith submitted and marked "B."

For a full detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, the resources and liabilities of the Penitentiary for the last six months, respectful reference is made to the clear and concise report of Frank W. Brown, Clerk, marked "C."

For a summary of the financial condition of the institution, reference is made to the report of the Treasurer of the Board, James K. Smith, marked "D."

For a detailed statement of the provision account of the Penitentiary, exhibiting the cost of feeding the prisoners at eight and one-fourth cents per day each, reference is made to the report of the Commissary, marked "E."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. GALLAHER,  
A. WILSON,  
JAS. K. SMITH,  
THOS. G. SMITH,  
N. GOFF, JR.  
*Directors.*

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., Feb. 7, 1878.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the county of Marshall, and State of West Virginia, J. W. Gallaher, Jas. K. Smith and Andrew Wilson, Directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary, and made oath according to law that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors, was correct and true, to the best of their belief.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., February 12, 1878.

Personally appeared before me, a Deputy Clerk in and for the county of Wood, and State of West Virginia, Thomas G. Smith, a Director of the West Virginia Penitentiary, and made oath according to law, that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors, is correct and true, to the best of his belief.

W. H. HATCHER,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

FEBRUARY 16, 1878.

Personally appeared before me, F. A. Robinson, Clerk of Circuit Court, in and for the county of Harrison, and State of West Virginia, Nathan Goff, Jr., a Director of the West Virginia Penitentiary, and made oath according to law that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors is correct and true, to the best of his belief.

F. A. ROBINSON,  
Clerk.

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

## WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., December 1, 1877.

*To the President and Board of Directors, West Virginia Penitentiary,  
Moundsville, W. Va.:*

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor herewith to submit my semi-annual report for the half year ending this day, as required by existing laws. The monthly reports I have periodically rendered to the Board of Directors, embrace a complete record of the alterations, improvements, etc., undertaken and completed; and furnish a full epitome of all occurrences of importance at the prison during the year, reference to which will obviate the necessity of a lengthy report from me on the present occasion.

The usual shop industries have furnished occupation for about half of our prison population, the remainder being employed in brick-laying, stone-cutting, grading and other general work about the prison. The following list shows the number of days devoted to each occupation, developing the fact that our surplus labor has not been unprofitably employed:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| In brick-laying .....              | 654 days.   |
| In grading and well-digging.....   | 1,073 days. |
| In stone-cutting.....              | 1,154 days. |
| In carpentering.....               | 270 days.   |
| In general miscellaneous work..... | 2,803 days. |

Making a total of..... 5,954 days.

Among the more valuable improvements constructed by the surplus force may be mentioned the large stack or chimney to the machine shops, and the stone base or sub-structure, upon which rests the State engine, recently purchased from Messrs. Sweeney & Son, both of which are lasting monuments to the skill and industry of our convict labor. In addition, a vast amount of work has been performed in lowering the grade in front of the prison, thereby improving the appearance, and at the same time securing an outlet for the water which, after every rain-fall, was wont to accumulate in pools in that locality.

Experience has long since taught me that it is impossible to prosecute successfully in a Penitentiary any legitimate business for the benefit of the State. Firms and individuals to do so, are required to possess capital proportionate to the magnitude of the business in which they engage, and I know of no cause which exempts a State from the operations of the same law of trade. When we consider the difficulty with which appropriations to cover the most needful expenses of an institution of this kind—are secured—we need not wonder that money for the purpose above specified is never granted. In view of this fact, and desiring to reduce expenses for salaries, etc., and at the same time furnish legitimate occupation for our convicts, with your concurrence, it was determined to lease our labor. On the 21st day of May, 1877, a lease was effected with Mr. Augustus Pollock, of Wheeling, of the labor of fifty (50) men, to be employed in cigar making. June 4, 1877, the labor of fifty (50) hands was leased to Messrs. Wm. Mardorf & Co., of Allegheny City, Pa., for the manufacture of brooms; and August 13, 1877, fifty (50) men were leased to Messrs. Weaver & Bardall, Allegheny City, Pa., in whip manufacturing. By the operation of these leases an average of \$1,025 per month is secured to the prison, without risk or additional expense. We have remaining about seventy-five men whose labor should be leased when opportunity offers.

During the past year an economical administration of the affairs of the prison has animated every Department of its management. I have striven to impress every official connected with the institution, with the necessity for close and careful management of the State property and stores in his charge, and the result is most gratifying. While we are unable to arrive at any definite decrease in the expenses of the prison for the past six months, I am satisfied they have been reduced at least ten cents per man per diem. In the prison ration alone, a saving of 270 cents per capita per diem has been effected over the cost of the same for the six months ending December 1, 1876, a saving attributable altogether to the strict care and economy practiced; not to any change in quantity or quality of the ration, which will compare most favorably with that of any other prison in the country.

The discipline of the Penitentiary is as near perfect as is possible under the present laws. No serious revolts or insurrections have taken place, nor has any disposition on the part of any of the convicts to incite insubordination, or lawlessness of any character been apparent. Rare instances of refractory conduct upon the part of individual convicts have occurred, but every case of the kind has been speedily suppressed by the infliction of reasonable punishment. Infractions of the prison rules and regulations, punishable by deprivation of privileges granted for good behavior, form the greater part of the offences committed. When these violations have been repeated or frequent, the act known as the "good time law" requires a forfeiture of the reduction of sentence granted for good behavior. I herewith present a list of the forfeitures which have occurred during the past six months.

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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## Names and Offenses of Convicts who Violated the Rules of the Penitentiary.

|                       |                                                               |                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| James Gorden.....     | Repeated violations of rules.....                             | December 2, 1876. |
| Sylvester Mahew.....  | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Leander Cole.....     | Insolence to Supt.....                                        | May 19, 1877.     |
| Marcellus Conrad..... | Repeated violation of rules.....                              | June 10, 1877.    |
| James Hively.....     | Drinking alcoholic mixture, branding<br>in cigar factory..... | Aug. 18, 1877.    |
| Geo Brown.....        | Insolence to Supt and guards.....                             | Sept. 8, 1877.    |
| Fred Reeves.....      | Resisting the officers.....                                   | Nov. 1, 1877.     |
| Robt. Gwinn.....      | same .....                                                    | Nov. 9, 1877.     |
| Jas. Thompson.....    | Aiding Gwinn in resisting officers.....                       | same              |
| James Aldridge.....   | Repeated violations of rules.....                             | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Leander Cole.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Taylor Cross.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Wm. Cooper.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| James Clarke.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| H. Goodwin.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Chas Davenport.....   | same .....                                                    | Aug. 26, 1877.    |
| Winfield Dean .....   | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Ralph Edmunds.....    | same .....                                                    | same              |
| James Gordon.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Jno. Brown.....       | same .....                                                    | July 29, 1877.    |
| Abe Good.....         | same .....                                                    | Mch. 11, 1877.    |
| Jas. Hamilton.....    | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| James Hill.....       | same .....                                                    | June 24, 1877.    |
| Jno. Hamilton.....    | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Joe Houston.....      | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Jno. Frits.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Thos. Frits.....      | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Chas Harness.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| C. Cook Jordan.....   | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Jos. Jones.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Jno. Bonner.....      | same .....                                                    | Sept. 30, 1877.   |
| Thos. Martin.....     | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| M. Boyer.....         | same .....                                                    | same              |
| L. McCombs.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Amos Mahew.....       | same .....                                                    | Oct. 14, 1877.    |
| Sylvester Mahew.....  | same .....                                                    | Sept. 16, 1877.   |
| Jno. McAbee.....      | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Ross Nelson.....      | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Geo. Murry.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Benj. Hyson.....      | same .....                                                    | Oct. 14, 1877.    |
| A. McGoffen.....      | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Thos. Orrell.....     | same .....                                                    | Sept. 23, 1877.   |
| W. G. Pridgen.....    | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| W. M. Miller.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Chas. Russell.....    | same .....                                                    | Sept. 30, 1877.   |
| Alex Lewis.....       | same .....                                                    | Oct. 28, 1877.    |
| Ben. White.....       | same .....                                                    | Nov. 11, 1877.    |
| Hy. Rubottom.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| D. N. Wine.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| M. Welsh.....         | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Thos. Wilson.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Wm. Williams.....     | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Ed. Burns.....        | same .....                                                    | same              |
| Eng. Burns.....       | same .....                                                    | same              |
| E. Franklin.....      | Quarrelling .....                                             | Nov. 17, 1877.    |

No escapes have occurred, nor has the general health of the prison suffered by the presence of epidemic or contagious disease.

Inviting attention to the reports of Frank W. Brown, Esq., Clerk, A. J. Martin, Esq., Commissary and Dr. Geo. W. Bruce, Physician,

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BRIDGES, *Superintendent.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,  
MOUNDSVILLE, December 1st, 1877.

*To the Board of Directors West Virginia Penitentiary:*

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a report of the Medical Department of this institution, for the six months ending November 30th, 1877:

| DISEASES.                 | NO. OF CASES. |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Spinal affection.....     | 1             |
| Phthisis pulmonalis ..... | 1             |
| Measles.....              | 3             |
| Fever—remittent.....      | 2             |
| Fever—intermittent.....   | 1             |
| Rheumatism—acute.....     | 2             |
| Diarrhea.....             | 20            |
| Sprained ankle.....       | 1             |
| Irritable lungs.....      | 1             |
| Dysentery.....            | 3             |
| Neuralgia.....            | 3             |
| Scrofula.....             | 1             |
| Ulcerated tibia.....      | 1             |
| Lumbago.....              | 1             |
| Congestion of lungs.....  | 1             |
| Orchitis.....             | 1             |
| Shingles .....            | 1             |
| Lunacy.....               | 1             |
| General debility.....     | 1             |
| Asthma .....              | 2             |
| Stricture of Urethra..... | 1             |
| Colic.....                | 1             |
| Hemorrhage of lungs.....  | 1             |
| Hemorrhoids.....          | 1             |
| Injury of knee.....       | 1             |

There were lost to the State from sickness and other causes of disability during the month of:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| June.....                      | 95 days. |
| July.....                      | 154 "    |
| August.....                    | 148 "    |
| September.....                 | 118 "    |
| October .....                  | 152 "    |
| November .....                 | 163 "    |
| Whole number of days lost..... | 890      |

*Deaths.*

Andrew Barker, United States convict, from Arkansas, dysentery, July 27th.

Francis Otillo, United States convict, from New Orleans, Phthisis Pulmonalis, November 12th.

It may appear to the board that a great deal of time has been lost by sickness and other causes. In a great measure this can be accounted for by my including in my report of the days lost, all who are unfit for duty from whatever cause, with the exception of the two blind convicts. During a portion of their time they have been employed at something in the way of work. One convict from Wood county came here an invalid on the 20th of April, and has not been able to do a day's work since. Another from Kanawha county, the subject of bone disease, has been unfit for work of any kind for the last five (5) months. Still another, a declared lunatic, who has been in his cell and reported as unable for work for five (5) months or more. From these facts it will be seen that besides the chronic and incurable cases, the proportion of sick to the well, compares favorably with the same number on the outside.

Very respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. BRUCE,  
*Medical Officer.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK,

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,  
MOUNDSVILLE, Dec. 1st, 1877.

*To the President and Board of Directors :*

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to present herewith my semi-annual report for the six months ending November 30th, 1877, showing the condition of the several appropriations, and a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer,

And am, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Clerk.*

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

(Exclusive of appropriations undrawn and material on hand for construction.)

|                             |                    |                                 |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bills receivable.....       | \$ 990 40          | Bills payable.....              | \$ 2,047 40        |
| Stock.....                  | 5,238 41           | Individual creditors.....       | 3,375 18           |
| Cash .....                  | 330 74             |                                 |                    |
| Merchandise .....           | 864 67             |                                 |                    |
| U. S. Government.....       | 5,900 80           |                                 |                    |
| J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 205 39             |                                 |                    |
| Individual debtors.....     | 4,807 34           | Balance in favor of Prison..... | 12,915 17          |
|                             | <u>\$18,337 75</u> |                                 | <u>\$18,337 75</u> |

## CASH ACCOUNT.

WM. L. BRIDGES, *Superintendent.*

|                                                 |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1877.                                           |                   |
| June 1, Balance.....                            | \$ 92 00          |
| June 30, Received during the month.....         | 1,349 72          |
| July 31, Received during the month.....         | 1,804 81          |
| Aug. 31, Received during the month.....         | 1,038 81          |
| Sept. 30, Received during the month.....        | 749 04            |
| Oct. 31, Received during the month.....         | 908 93            |
| Nov. 30, Received during the month.....         | 443 03—\$6,386 34 |
| 1877.                                           |                   |
| June 30, Paid during the month.....             | \$1,174 56        |
| July 31, Paid during the month.....             | 2,142 54          |
| Aug. 31, Paid during the month.....             | 591 78            |
| Sept 30, Paid during the month. ...             | 538 47            |
| Oct 31, Paid during the month.....              | 871 83            |
| Nov. 30, Paid during the month.....             | 736 42—\$6,055 60 |
| Dec. 1, Balance in hands of Superintendent..... | \$ 330 74         |

## REPORT OF CLERK.

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## APPROPRIATIONS.

*For Power, Machinery and Heating.*

|          |                                               |                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1877.    |                                               |                   |
| June 1,  | Balance of appropriation .....                | \$7,500 00        |
| June 7,  | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | \$ 130 25         |
| June 20, | Draft in favor of A. J. Sweeney & Son .....   | 1,000 00          |
| July 11, | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 1,130 54          |
| Aug. 10, | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 1,085 00          |
| Sept. 5, | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 1,000 00          |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 2,744 97          |
| Nov. 9,  | Draft in favor of J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 409 24—\$7,500 00 |

*For Support of Convicts.*

|          |                                                  |                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1877.    |                                                  |                      |
| Feb. 27, | Appropriated for fiscal year 1877-8.....         | \$10,000 00          |
| 1877.    |                                                  |                      |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of James K. Smith, Treasurer..... | \$3,000 00           |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of L. B. Purdy.....               | 1,063 42—\$ 4,063 42 |
| Dec. 1,  | Balance undrawn.....                             | \$ 5,936 58          |

*For Payment of Guards.*

|          |                                                  |                   |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1877.    |                                                  |                   |
| Feb. 27, | Appropriated for fiscal year 1877-8.....         | \$7,740 00        |
| June 1,  | Balance appropriated for fiscal year 1876-7..... | 1,364 30          |
|          |                                                  | \$9,104 30        |
| 1877.    |                                                  |                   |
| June 7,  | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....            | \$ 816 90         |
| July 11, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....            | 547 40            |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....            | 2,494 71          |
| Nov. 9,  | Draft in favor of Clerk.....                     | 799 00—\$4,658 01 |
| Dec. 1,  | Balance undrawn.....                             | \$4,446 29        |

*For Salary of Superintendent.*

|          |                                                         |            |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1877.    |                                                         |            |
| Feb. 27, | Appropriated for fiscal year of 1877-8.....             | \$1,500 00 |
| June 1,  | Balance of appropriation for fiscal year of 1876-7..... | 500 00     |
|          |                                                         | \$2,000 00 |

|          |                                        |                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1877.    |                                        |                  |
| June 7,  | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....  | \$125 00         |
| July 11, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....  | 125 00           |
| Aug. 10, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....  | 125 00           |
| Sept. 5, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....  | 125 00           |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of Superintendent.....  | 125 00           |
| Nov. 9,  | Draft in favor of Superintendent ..... | 125 00—\$ 750 00 |
| Dec. 1,  | Balance undrawn.....                   | \$1,250 00       |

*For Salary of Commissary.*

|          |                                                  |                 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1877.    |                                                  |                 |
| Feb. 27, | Appropriated for fiscal year 1877-8.....         | \$1,000 00      |
| June 1,  | Balance appropriated for fiscal year 1876-7..... | 333 33          |
|          |                                                  | \$1,333 33      |
| 1877.    |                                                  |                 |
| June 7,  | Draft in favor of Commissary.. ..                | \$83 33         |
| July 11, | Draft in favor of Commissary.....                | 83 34           |
| Aug. 10, | Draft in favor of Commissary.....                | 83 33           |
| Sept. 5, | Draft in favor of Commissary.....                | 83 33           |
| Oct. 11, | Draft in favor of Commissary .....               | 83 34           |
| Nov. 9,  | Draft in favor of Commissary.....                | 83 33—\$ 500 00 |
| Dec. 1,  | Balance undrawn.....                             | \$ 833 23       |

## WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

*For Salary of Clerk.*

|                                                             |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1877.                                                       |                 |
| Feb. 27, Appropriated for fiscal year of 1877-8.....        | \$1,000 00      |
| June 1, Balance appropriated for fiscal year of 1876-7..... | 83 33           |
|                                                             | <hr/>           |
|                                                             | \$1,883 33      |
| 1877.                                                       |                 |
| June 7, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                        | 83 33           |
| July 11, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                       | 83 34           |
| Aug. 10, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                       | 83 33           |
| Sept 5, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                        | 83 33           |
| Oct. 11, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                       | 83 34           |
| Nov. 9, Draft in favor of Clerk.....                        | 83 33—\$ 500 00 |
|                                                             | <hr/>           |
| Dec. 1, Balance undrawn.....                                | \$ 833 33       |

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing report is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
Clerk.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 22d day of December, 1877.

THOMAS FINN,  
Clerk County Court, Marshall County, W. Va.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

**JAMES K. SMITH, Treasurer,**

*In Acct. with* **WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.**

|         |                                |                      |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1877    |                                |                      |
| June    | 1, Balance on hand.....        | \$ 200 87            |
| June    | 30, Received during month..... | 399 93               |
| July    | 31, Received during month..... | 1,880 54             |
| August  | 31, Received during month..... | 8,132 40             |
| Sept.   | 30, Received during month..... | 1,000 00             |
| October | 31, Received during month..... | 6,976 29             |
| Nov.    | 30, Received during month..... | 1,006 63—\$14,096 66 |

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1877        |                                         |                    |
| June        | 30, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | \$ 600 80          |
| July        | 31, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 1,180 54           |
| August      | 31, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 3,142 33           |
| Sept.       | 30, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 1,181 01           |
| October     | 31, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 5,880 40           |
| Nov.        | 30, Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 2,006 19           |
| December 1, | Balance remaining on hand.....          | 205 39—\$14,096 66 |

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**JAS. K. SMITH,**  
*Treasurer.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me at my office, in Moundsville, W. Va., this 15th day of December, 1877.

**FRANK W. BROWN,**  
*Notary Public.*

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSARY.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., December 1st, 1877.

*To the President and Directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary :*

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I have the honor to submit my report as Commissary of this institution, for the six months ending December 1st, 1877, by which it will be observed that the per diem cost of the ration, per capita, has been  $8\frac{1}{4}$  cents.

The strictest economy has been practiced, and everything done to bring the cost of this department to the minimum figure.

Trusting that the administration of the duties of this department have been discharged in accordance with the best interest of the State and your satisfaction.

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. MARTIN,

Commissary.

*Amount of Provisions on Hand, Purchased and Consumed During the Six Months Ending December 1, 1877.*

| On Hand June 1, 1877.      |          | Purchased in six months ending December 1, 1877. |            | Issued in six months ending December 1, 1877. |            | Remaining on hand Dec. 1, 1877. |           |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 24 lbs. beef.....          | \$ 1 92  | 137 bbls. flour.....                             | \$ 966 00  | 137 bbls. flour.....                          | \$ 966 00  | 354 lbs B. pork.....            | 26 99     |
| 35 lbs. B. pork.....       | 2 89     | 734 lbs. coffee.....                             | 171 22     | 706 lbs. beans.....                           | 25 13      | 446 lbs. bacon.....             | 49 06     |
| 414 lbs. beans.....        | 41 40    | 9,017 lbs. beef.....                             | 569 39     | 6,763 lbs. beef.....                          | 536 63     | 125 lbs. fresh pork.....        | 5 00      |
| 120 lbs. codfish.....      | 3 00     | 26,191 lbs. corn meal.....                       | 324 87     | 26,150 lbs. corn meal.....                    | 324 48     | 242 1/2 bus. potatoes..         | 80 75     |
| 149 lbs. shoulders.....    | 11 17    | 2,200 lbs. hominy.....                           | 45 00      | 749 lbs. coffee.....                          | 174 49     | 35 lbs. beef.....               | 34 68     |
| 169 lbs. corn meal.....    | 2 12     | 377 gal. molasses.....                           | 162 40     | 421 gal. molasses.....                        | 182 74     | 1 1/2 bus. onions.....          | 1 12      |
| 8 2-15 bus. potatoes....   | 8 13     | 7,347 lbs. bacon....                             | 713 88     | 6,281 lbs. R. pork..                          | 461 15     | 14 lbs. rice.....               | 98        |
| 22 1/2 bus. potatoes.....  | 28 12    | 1,028 lbs. dried apples.....                     | 42 00      | 1,050 lbs. dried apples.....                  | 42 88      | 19 lbs. pepper.....             | 3 80      |
| 35 lbs. peas.....          | 88       | 30,115 lbs. potatoes.....                        | 188 30     | 68 gal. vinegar.....                          | 8 77       | 29 1/2 gal. molasses.....       | 13 27     |
| 255 lbs. dried apples..... | 10 20    | 6,600 lbs. R. pork.....                          | 485 25     | 671 pounds shoulders.....                     | 46 75      | 7 gal. vinegar.....             | 52        |
| 39 lbs. rice.....          | 2 34     | 225 lbs. fresh pork ..                           | 9 00       | 2,212 lbs. hominy.....                        | 45 22      | 30 boxes coffee.....            | 68        |
| 12 lbs. hominy.....        | 22       | 56 doz. green onions.....                        | 2 80       | 17,360 lbs. potatoes.....                     | 143 80     | 183 lbs. shoulders.....         | 15 55     |
| 13 lbs. coffee.....        | 3 25     | 14 3/4 bus. tomatoes.....                        | 5 90       | 7,315 lbs. bacon.....                         | 706 02     | 1 bbl. kraut.....               | 4 00      |
| 20 lbs. pepper.....        | 5 00     | 666 lbs. beans.....                              | 23 80      | 1,890 lbs. salt.....                          | 9 44       | 2 bbls. kraut.....              | 10 00     |
| 41 1/2 gal. syrup.....     | 19 92    | 2 bbls. lettuce.....                             | 1 50       | 790 heads cabbage.....                        | 40 40      | 233 lbs. dried apples.....      | 9 32      |
| 37 gal. sorghum.....       | 18 69    | 144 boxes essence coffee.....                    | 3 50       | 100 lbs. fresh pork.....                      | 4 00       | 210 lbs. corn meal.....         | 2 52      |
| 35 gal. vinegar.....       | 6 30     | 20 lbs. pepper.....                              | 4 00       | 120 lbs. codfish.....                         | 3 00       |                                 |           |
| 40 gal. vinegar.....       | 8 00     | 25 bus. salad.....                               | 7 00       | 56 doz. green onions.....                     | 2 80       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 515 lbs. peas.....                               | 12 80      | 9 1/2 bus. string beans.....                  | 4 50       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 1,890 lbs. salt.....                             | 9 44       | 515 lbs. peas.....                            | 12 86      |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 100 doz. green corn.....                         | 6 50       | 2 bbls. lettuce.....                          | 1 50       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 705 doz. shoulders.....                          | 51 14      | 21 lbs. pepper.....                           | 6 20       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 9 1/2 bus. string beans.....                     | 4 50       | 14 3/4 bus. tomatoes.....                     | 5 90       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 12 bus. onions.....                              | 9 00       | 125 lbs. rice.....                            | 8 36       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 100 lbs. rice.....                               | 7 00       | 25 bus. salad.....                            | 7 00       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 790 head cabbage.....                            | 40 40      | 100 doz. green corn.....                      | 6 50       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 26 bbls. apples.....                             | 26 50      | 119 boxes essence coffee.....                 | 2 84       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 3 bbls. kraut.....                               | 14 00      | 10 bus. onions.....                           | 7 87       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 5 bus. turnips.....                              | 1 25       | 26 bbls. apples.....                          | 26 50      |                                 |           |
|                            |          | 200 pumpkins.....                                | 12 00      | 5 bus. turnips.....                           | 1 25       |                                 |           |
|                            |          | On hand June 1, 1877.....                        | 164 88     | 200 pumpkins.....                             | 12 00      |                                 |           |
|                            |          |                                                  |            | Remaining on hand Dec. 1, 1877                | 258 24     |                                 |           |
|                            | \$164 88 |                                                  | \$4,085 22 |                                               | \$4,085 22 |                                 | \$ 258 24 |

Daily dietary cost per capita, 8 1/4 cents.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 4th day of January, 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN, *Notary Public.*

A. J. MARTIN, *Commissary.*

REPORT OF COMMISSARY.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

MOUNDSVILLE, June 1, 1878,

*His Excellency* HENRY M. MATHEWS,

*Governor of West Virginia, Wheeling, W. Va.:*

GOVERNOR:—In accordance with law, the undersigned Directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary, beg leave to submit the following semi-annual report of their proceedings, showing the condition of said institution for the six months ending on the 31st day of May, 1878, financially and otherwise. The discipline has been maintained up to the standard reported in our last semi-annual report. The prison rules have been enforced with but few minor infractions of the same.

The Attorney-General of the United States made a demand for a reduction of the per diem for keeping United States prisoners from 40 to 25 cents per day. Other prisons having acceded to the reduction, upon deliberation we concluded it best to accept a limited number of United States convicts at the reduction.

On the 19th of March last the President of the board, in pursuance to an order passed, entered into a contract with Messrs. H. B. Miller and J. M. Todd, of Wheeling, for the hire of from 15 to 50 convicts to work in a foundry within the walls of the prison, at the rate of 25 cents per day, and the period having passed some time ago for commencing operations under said contract, and not hearing from said parties and believing they had abandoned all intention of carrying out said contract, and recognizing the importance of having the surplus labor of the institution employed, directed the Superintendent

to advertise for the hire of from 50 to 100 convicts in accordance with the provisions of the act of the Legislature, "to provide for the working of the convicts in the Penitentiary;" and in response to said advertisement we have every reason to believe that the whole surplus labor of the prison will be let on favorable terms in a short time.

The great need of an adequate supply of water for the prison becoming so pressing, we were compelled to provide for the same, although having no appropriation for that purpose. Accordingly, on the 13th March, 1878, the board passed an order authorizing Messrs. J. W. Gallaher and Andrew Wilson, Directors, and Wm. L. Bridges, Superintendent, to contract with Messrs. S. D. Hubbard & Co., of Pittsburgh, to provide a steam pump and boiler and all necessary machinery with all water pipes, etc., of the capacity of 8,000 gallons of water per hour, and complete the same in the best and most approved style, and fill the reservoir in the prison yard with water from the Ohio river, and to guarantee the successful working of the said works. For which they are to receive the sum of \$2,400.00, one half in 60 days from the completion of the same, and the residue in four months from the same time. The work has been completed a short time. The laying of the pipe and the building of a neat brick pump house on the bank of the Ohio river, was all done by convict labor. The working of the water works has been satisfactory so far.

The payment of this contract will have to be met out of the receipts from the hire of convicts and the pay for keeping United States prisoners, and the balance out of the fund for the support of convicts, which will leave a deficiency in that fund, for which it will be necessary to have an appropriation at the next session of the Legislature, the exact amount of which will be exhibited in our semi-annual report to be made in December, 1878, at which time the exact needs of the institution for the succeeding two years will be definitely set forth.

An application has been made by certain land holders through whose lands the main sewer from the Penitentiary runs, for an injunction to restrain the prison authorities from the further use of the same. The matter has not been determined yet. The board have authorized its President to employ George O. Davenport, Esq., to defend the State. (The proceedings of the former Board of Directors seem to establish the fact that the right of way for this sewer had been secured from some of the parties to this proceeding, but not from others. In our opinion the right of way will have to be secured from those who have not already granted it, and a fair compensation paid for the same. Also that there will be required an appropriation to build a covered sewer from the prison to Grave Creek, as the discharge will be offensive along the whole line, if left open. An estimate of this cost, and the cost of right of way will be given in our next semi-annual report).

The board authorized its President to contract the labor of from 25 to 50 hands for the manufacture of brooms, in pursuance of which order the President of the board closed a contract on the 15th of May, 1878, with Messrs. Weaver, Bardall & Co., for the hire of from 25 to 50 hands to be employed in the broom factory, formerly oc-

cupied by Mardorf & Co., for a term of three years, at the rate of 25 cents per diem for each hand. They are already working about 30 hands, and will increase the same to the maximum number contracted for, in a short time.

For a full and detailed statement of the management of the prison, reference is respectfully made to the report of Wm. L. Bridges, Superintendent, herewith submitted and marked "A."

For a full and complete statement of the financial condition of the Penitentiary, reference is made to the elaborate report of Frank W. Brown, Clerk, marked "B."

For a full statement and account of the provisions and dietary system of the prison, reference is made to the report of A. J. Martin, Commissary, marked "C."

For a statement of the health of the prison and number of deaths that have occurred since our last semi-annual report, reference is made to the report of Dr. George W. Bruce, Physician of the Prison, marked "D."

For a statement of the receipts and disbursement of the various appropriations for the Penitentiary, reference is made to the report of James K. Smith, Treasurer, marked "E."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. GALLAHER,  
A. WILSON,  
JAMES K. SMITH,  
THOMAS G. SMITH.

Sworn to by J. W. Gallaher, A. Wilson and James K. Smith, and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 11th day of June, A. D. 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

Sworn to by Thomas G. Smith, and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 17th day of June, A. D. 1878.

K. SNODGRASS,  
*President County Court.*

Sworn to by N. Goff, Jr., and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this —th day of —, A. D. 1878.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,  
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT,

MOUNDSVILLE, June 1st, 1878.

*To the President and Board of Directors West Virginia Penitentiary,  
Moundsville, W. Va.*

GENTLEMEN :—In conformity with the law requiring a semi-annual report from the officers of the Penitentiary, I have the honor herewith to submit my report for the six months ending May 31, 1878.

Our efforts to reduce the prison expenditures to the lowest possible figure, have been materially aided by a general decline in the price of all articles of food and clothing required for our support. In addition the average daily number of convicts in the prison has increased fully 10 per cent over the last year, notwithstanding which we have managed to conduct the prison without increasing our guard force. The decrease in the aggregate per diem per capita from 39½ cents in 1877 to 31 5-6 cents during the past six months, may be fairly attributed to these causes, superadded to a rigid economical administration of every department of the institution. The subsistence department, under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Martin, has been carefully and economically administered and the daily per capita reduced from 8½ cents in 1877, to 6½ cents for the half year ending May 31, 1878.

### LABOR.

About 160 convicts have been employed in the broom, whip and cigar factories under contract, and the remainder of our prison population have been engaged in shop work for prison account and various forms of outside labor, as follows:

|                                           |       |      |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| Shop work for prison account.....         | 4,530 | days |
| Teaming .....                             | 460   | "    |
| Hospital and kitchen.....                 | 707   | "    |
| Brick yard.....                           | 94    | "    |
| Engineer and fireman.....                 | 362   | "    |
| General work (including water works)..... | 3,179 | "    |
| Making a total of.....                    | 9,332 | days |

We have generally managed to keep the surplus labor employed except during the inclement weather of the past winter. The ditching, etc., connected with laying the water main to the river, building pump house, etc., has all been performed by this labor, and recently we have recommenced the manufacture of brick in order to continue their employment.

Besides the one hundred and sixty men employed under contract at present, we have from seventy-five to one hundred prisoners whose labor could be leased. Efforts have been made to do so, but without success. Recently, however, preliminaries have been entered upon which will doubtless ultimately lead to the lease of our wagon shop together with all our available surplus labor. Should this be accomplished, and there seems now to be no impediment to it our largest permanent income from labor would be assured, and the nearest approach to self-sustenance be attained.

#### WATER WORKS.

This improvement which was imperatively demanded by the necessities of the prison has been completed, and we now have an ample and unfailing supply of water. Heretofore we were compelled to depend upon wells in the prison yard which seldom furnished more than half a supply, and generally failed when most needed.

Much of the work lying pipes, setting the pump and boiler and erecting the pump house was performed by our own labor, and we may safely conclude that these works have been put in operation at the lowest cost to the State.

#### DISCIPLINE, ETC.

The disciplinary management of the prison is peculiarly the province of the Superintendent, and I congratulate myself upon the present admirable state of the institution in this respect. But few serious violations of the rules have taken place, and rigid discipline has been maintained. Infractions of minor prison regulations entailing loss of privileges have occurred, and when these have been frequently committed, the deduction of time allowed by law for good behavior has been forfeited. I submit herewith a list of convicts who have forfeited their "good time" under said law. No insurrectionary or insubordinate conduct has been manifested, nor has any escape or attempts at escape been made.

The health of the prison, as will be observed by the Physician's report, has been excellent, but one death having occurred; and with an ample water supply and clean sewers, we may anticipate exemption from epidemic disease during the summer.

Your attention is invited to the accompanying reports of Frank W. Brown, Esq., Clerk; A. J. Martin, Esq., Commissary, and Dr. G. W. Bruce, Physician; embodying full information of their respective departments; and assuring them and yourselves of my appreciation of the friendliness and courtesy which has permeated our official intercourse.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. L. BRIDGES, *Superintendent.*

*Forfeitures of "Good Time" for the Half Year Ending 31 May, 1878.*

| DATE.            | NAME.                         | CAUSE OF FORFEITURE.             |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1878.            |                               |                                  |
| February 17..... | W. M. Miller.....             | Repeated violation of rules..... |
| same .....       | James Smith .....             | same .....                       |
| February 24 ...  | John Erits .....              | same .....                       |
| March 3.....     | James A. Fisher.....          | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Richard Hodgins.....          | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Geo. W. Hafer.....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | C. Moulton.....               | same .....                       |
| March 10.....    | Jas. Hamilton.....            | same .....                       |
| March 17.....    | Wm. Cooper .....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Chas. Clarke .....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Jos. Jones .....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | H. Rubottom.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Jas. Thompson.....            | same .....                       |
| March 24.....    | Jno. B. Cook .....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Thos. Martin .....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Alex. McGuffen.....           | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Jno. Ousley.....              | same .....                       |
| March 31.....    | Jas. P. Cook.....             | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Wm. Goodman.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Thos. Gallavey .....          | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Logan Price.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Henry Sales .....             | same .....                       |
| April 7.....     | Ed. Burns .....               | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Marsh Boyer.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Walter Burns.....             | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Winfield Dean.....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Wm. Williams, (colored) ..... | same .....                       |
| same .....       | D. H. Wine .....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Wm. Williams, (white).....    | same .....                       |
| April 14.....    | Jno. Bonner.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Thos. Frits .....             | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Jeff. D. Campbell .....       | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Hy. Goodwin.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Thos. Simpson.....            | same .....                       |
| same .....       | J. C. Jordan.....             | same .....                       |
| same .....       | R. S. Long .....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Sylvester Mahew.....          | same .....                       |
| same .....       | A. Mahew.....                 | same .....                       |
| same .....       | S. Miliam.....                | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Geo. Trumppower.....          | same .....                       |
| same .....       | J. F. Vamer.....              | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Nor. Wilburn.....             | same .....                       |
| same .....       | Thos. Wilson.....             | same .....                       |
| April 29.....    | Robt. Gwinn.....              | same .....                       |

Sworn to by W. L. Bridges, *Supt.*, and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 11th day of June, 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., June 1, 1878.

To the President and Board of Directors, West Virginia Penitentiary:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present the following financial and other statements for the six months ending May 31, 1878.

The average number of prisoners for the time named was 264½, and the ordinary expenses for their maintenance and safekeeping as follows:

|                                             |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| For profit and loss.....                    | .01     |
| For drugs and medicines.....                | .00 1-6 |
| For salaries of officers, guards, etc. .... | 17 4-6  |
| For expense account.....                    | .01 4-6 |
| For clothing and bedding.....               | .02 2-6 |
| For fuel and lights .....                   | .01 5-6 |
| For discharged convicts.....                | .00 3-6 |
| For Provisions and Hospital.....            | .06 4-6 |
| Making a total cost per capita of.....      | .31 5-6 |

Hoping my duties have been discharged in a satisfactory manner,  
I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK W. BROWN,  
Clerk.

## STATEMENT 1st JUNE, 1878.

|                             |              |                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Profit and loss.....        | \$287,663 59 | State of West Virginia..... | \$659,958 02 |
| Construction.....           | 356,046 57   | Individual creditors.....   | 669 68       |
| Stock.....                  | 4,337 35     |                             |              |
| Bills receivable.....       | 448 80       |                             |              |
| Cash .....                  | 1,621 33     |                             |              |
| Merchandise.....            | 195 47       |                             |              |
| U. S. Government.....       | 895 25       |                             |              |
| J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 4,101 23     |                             |              |
| Furniture and fixtures..... | 1,686 83     |                             |              |
| Contractors.....            | 536 24       |                             |              |
| Individual debtors.....     | 3,185 94     |                             |              |
|                             | \$660,627 70 |                             | \$660,627 70 |

# WEST VIRGIAIA PENITENTIARY.

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## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

(Exclusive of Appropriations undrawn.)

|                            |                    |                                 |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Stock.....                 | \$ 4,337 35        | Sundry creditors.....           | \$ 669 68          |
| Bills receivable .....     | 448 80             | Balance in favor of prison..... | 14,561 08          |
| Cash.....                  | 1,621 33           |                                 |                    |
| Merchandise.....           | 195 47             |                                 |                    |
| U. S Government.....       | 805 25             |                                 |                    |
| J. K Smith, Treasurer..... | 4,101 23           |                                 |                    |
| Contractors .....          | 536 24             |                                 |                    |
| Sundry debtors.....        | 3,185 04           |                                 |                    |
|                            | <u>\$15,230 71</u> |                                 | <u>\$15,230 71</u> |

## ORDINARY EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS.

|                            |                    |                              |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Profit and loss.....       | \$ 438 77          | Wagon shop.....              | \$ 538 41          |
| Hospital.....              | 89 23              | Cabinet shop.....            | 161 46             |
| Salaries.....              | 8,516 35           | Convict labor.....           | 4,641 42           |
| Expense.....               | 794 66             | Visitors.....                | 43 75              |
| Clothing and bedding ..... | 1,140 59           | Boarding U. S. convicts..... | 2,824 60           |
| Fuel and lights .....      | 863 07             | Expenses over income.....    | 7,105 16           |
| Discharged convicts .....  | 275 00             |                              |                    |
| Provisions .....           | 3,197 13           |                              |                    |
|                            | <u>\$15,314 80</u> |                              | <u>\$15,314 80</u> |

## APPROPRIATIONS.

### *For Payment of Guards.*

|                                               |          |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1877.                                         |          |            |
| Dec. 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn..... |          | \$4,446 29 |
| Dec. 15, Draft on Auditor.....                | \$796 12 |            |
| 1878.                                         |          |            |
| Jan. 4, Draft on Auditor .....                | 811 46   |            |
| Feb. 7, Draft on Auditor. ....                | 838 99   |            |
| Mar. 12, Draft on Auditor.....                | 864 93   |            |
| Apr. 9, Dra't on Auditor .....                | 835 06   |            |
| May 14, Draft on Auditor.....                 | 299 73   | \$4,446 29 |

### *For Support of Convicts.*

|                                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1877.                           |            |            |
| Dec 1, Balance undrawn.....     |            | \$5,936 58 |
| Dec. 15, Draft on Auditor... .. | \$2,000 00 |            |
| 1878.                           |            |            |
| Jan. 4, Draft on Auditor. ....  | 1,500 00   |            |
| June 1, Balance undrawn. ....   | 2,436 58   | \$5,936 58 |

### *For Salary of Superintendent.*

|                                |            |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1877.                          |            |            |
| Dec. 1, Balance undrawn .....  | \$1,250 00 |            |
| Dec. 15, Draft on Auditor..... | 125 00     |            |
| 1878.                          |            |            |
| Jan. 4, Draft on Auditor.....  | 125 00     |            |
| Feb. 7, Draft on Auditor.....  | 125 00     |            |
| Mar. 12, Draft on Auditor..... | 125 00     |            |
| Apr. 9, Draft on Auditor.....  | 125 00     |            |
| May 14, Draft on Auditor.....  | 125 00     |            |
| June 1, Balance undrawn.....   | 500 00     | \$1,250 00 |

## REPORT OF CLERK.

*For Salary of Clerk.*

|                                |         |           |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1877.                          |         |           |
| Dec. 1, Balance undrawn.....   |         | \$ 833 33 |
| 1878.                          |         |           |
| Jan. 4, Draft on Auditor.....  | \$83 33 |           |
| Feb. 7, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 33   |           |
| Mar. 12, Draft on Auditor..... | 83 33   |           |
| Apr. 9, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 34   |           |
| May 14, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 33   |           |
| June 1, Balance undrawn.....   | 416 66— | \$831 33  |

*For Salary of Commissary.*

|                                |         |           |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1877.                          |         |           |
| Dec. 1, Balance undrawn.....   |         | \$ 833 33 |
| 1878.                          |         |           |
| Jan. 4, Draft on Auditor.....  | \$83 33 |           |
| Feb. 7, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 34   |           |
| Mar. 12, Draft on Auditor..... | 83 33   |           |
| Apr. 9, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 34   |           |
| May 14, Draft on Auditor.....  | 83 33   |           |
| June 1, Balance undrawn.....   | 416 66— | \$833 33  |

## CASH ACCOUNT.

*WM. L. BRIDGES, Superintendent.*

|                                                |            |             |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1877.                                          |            |             |
| Dec. 1, Balance.....                           | \$ 330 74  |             |
| Dec. 31, Received during the month.....        | 3,491 28   |             |
| 1878.                                          |            |             |
| Jan. 31, Received during the month.....        | 5,488 67   |             |
| Feb. 28, Received during the month.....        | 614 03     |             |
| Mar. 31, Received during the month.....        | 1,021 96   |             |
| Apr. 30, Received during the month.....        | 3,836 66   |             |
| May 31, Received during the month.....         | 1,530 92—  | \$16,314 28 |
| 1877.                                          |            |             |
| Dec. 31, Paid during the month.....            | \$3,134 42 |             |
| 1878.                                          |            |             |
| Jan. 31, Paid during the month.....            | 998 98     |             |
| Feb. 28, Paid during the month.....            | 5,249 89   |             |
| Mar. 31, Paid during the month.....            | 777 00     |             |
| Apr. 30, Paid during the month.....            | 913 41     |             |
| May 31, Paid during the month.....             | 3,619 27   |             |
| June 1, Balance in Superintendent's hands..... | 1,621 33—  | \$16,314 23 |

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing report is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
Clerk.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 13th day of June, A. D. 1878.

THOMAS FINN,  
Clerk County Court, Marshall County, W. Va.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSARY.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

MOUNDSVILLE, June 1, 1878,

*To the President and Board of Directors, West Virginia Penitentiary,  
Moundsville, W. Va.:*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the existing law governing the matter, I have the honor to submit herewith my semi-annual report of the subsistence department of the Penitentiary for the half year ending June 1, 1878.

The general decline in all articles of food has enabled us to effect a still further reduction in the per capita cost of the ration, which, for the past six months, has been 6½ cents. The protection of the interests of the State by the practice of careful economy has actuated this department of the institution, notwithstanding the ration has been ample in quantity and of good quality,

Trusting that the duties of my office have been performed to your satisfaction,

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. MARTIN,

*Commissary.*

*Amount of Provisions on Hand, Purchased and Consumed During the  
Half Year Ending June 1, 1878.*

| Purchased during the six months. |                  | Issued during the six months.  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| On hand December 1, 1877 .....   | \$ 258 24        | 26,564 lbs. flour.....         | \$777 25         |
| 26,564 lbs. flour.....           | \$777 25         | 26,860 lbs. corn meal.....     | 275 18           |
| 26,150 lbs. meal .....           | 272 66           | 7,048 lbs. bacon.....          | 573 97           |
| 7,213 lbs. bacon.....            | 564 61           | 6,236 lbs. pork.....           | 389 30           |
| 6,000 lbs. pork.....             | 368 50           | 1,002 lbs. shoulders.....      | 59 37            |
| 7,600 lbs. beef cattle.....      | 241 69           | 4,947 lbs. beef.....           | 339 11           |
| 870 lbs. beef .....              | 62 76            | 90 lbs. corned beef.....       | 5 40             |
| 819 lbs. shoulders.....          | 43 81            | 125 lbs. fresh pork.....       | 5 00             |
| 90 lbs. corned beef.....         | 5 40             | 16,085 lbs. potatoes.....      | 88 84            |
| 15 bus. onions.....              | 11 25            | 16½ bus. onions.....           | 12 37            |
| 216 bxs. essence coffee .....    | 4 63             | 54 lbs. rice. ....             | 3 58             |
| 425½ gal. molasses.....          | 156 93           | 27 lbs. pepper... ..           | 5 40             |
| 2,600 lbs. hominy .....          | 42 56            | 37½ gal. vinegar .....         | 5 48             |
| 1,937 lbs. salt.....             | 13 35            | 455 gal. molasses .....        | 170 23           |
| 765 lbs. coffee .....            | 164 45           | 188 papers essence coffee..... | 4 09             |
| 1,813 lbs. beans.....            | 65 26            | 1,803 lbs. beans.....          | 61 72            |
| 1,790 lbs. dried apples.....     | 71 60            | 2,444 lbs. hominy .....        | 40 40            |
| 40 gal. vinegar.....             | 6 50             | 751 lbs. coffee.....           | 161 65           |
| 20 lbs. pepper.....              | 4 00             | 1,937 lbs. salt.....           | 13 35            |
| 11 bbls. kraut.....              | 44 00            | 13¾ bbls. kraut.....           | 56 67            |
| 1,620 lbs. potatoes.....         | 8 10             | 2,023 lbs. dried apples.....   | 80 92            |
| 158 lbs. rice.....               | 10 27            | 250 doz. green onions.....     | 10 00—\$3,139 28 |
| 250 doz. green onions.....       | 10 00—\$2,949 58 | Remaining on hand June 1, 1878 | 68 54            |
|                                  | \$3,207 82       |                                | \$3,207 82       |

Average number prisoners daily, 264¼. Daily dietary cost per capita, 6½ cents.

I solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true and correct exhibit of the amount of provisions purchased and consumed during the six months ending June 1, A. D. 1878, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. J. MARTIN,

*Commissary.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of June, A. D. 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,

*Notary Public.*

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

MOUNDSVILLE, June 1st, 1878.

*To the President and Board of Directors West Virginia Penitentiary,  
Moundsville, W. Va.:*

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit this, my semi-annual report of the Medical Department of this institution, for the six months ending May 31st, 1878:

| DISEASES.                       | No. OF CASES. |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Ulcerated Tibia.....            | 1             |
| Scrofula .....                  | 2             |
| Lunacy.....                     | 2             |
| General debility.....           | 1             |
| Disease of the heart—valvular . | 1             |
| Rheumatism—acute.....           | 2             |
| Rheumatism—chronic.....         | 1             |
| Congestion of the lungs .....   | 1             |
| Diarrhea.....                   | 3             |
| Neuralgia.....                  | 3             |
| Spermetorrhea.....              | 2             |
| Tonsillitis.....                | 2             |
| Fever—intermittent.....         | 1             |
| Epilepsy.....                   | 1             |
| Pleurisy.....                   | 1             |
| Lumbago.....                    | 1             |
| Varicella—chicken pox.....      | 2             |
| Injury of hand.....             | 8             |
| Injury of leg.....              | 2             |
| Injury of knee.....             | 1             |
| Injury of shoulder.....         | 1             |
| Ulcer of leg.....               | 1             |
| Anal abscess .....              | 1             |
| Hand—abscess of.....            | 1             |

These men lost to the State during the month of :

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| December, 1877.....                              | 188 days. |
| January, 1878 .....                              | 180 "     |
| February, 1878.....                              | 149 "     |
| March, 1878.....                                 | 142 "     |
| April, 1878 .....                                | 149 "     |
| May, 1878.....                                   | 112 "     |
| Whole number of days lost in the six months..... | 920       |

*Deaths.*

Peter Panley, of Kanawha county, died January 6, 1878, of valvular disease of the heart.

The health of the prisoners generally has been remarkably good. No contagious or epidemic disease made its appearance, with the exception of a mild form of varicella (chicken pox). This required but two men to cease work, and those only for a day or two each.

I am, very respectfully,

GEO. W. BRUCE,  
*Medical Officer.*

Sworn to by George W. Bruce and subscribed before me in my County and State, this 11th day of June, 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

### CASH ACCOUNT.

JAMES K. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

|              |                                     |                      |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1877.        |                                     |                      |
| December 1,  | Balance.....                        | \$ 205 39            |
| December 15, | Draft on Auditor.....               | 2,000 00             |
| December 15, | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 3,000 00             |
| 1878.        |                                     |                      |
| January 4,   | Draft on Auditor.....               | 1,500 00             |
| January 4,   | Bills receivable and interest.....  | 120 75               |
| January 4,   | Bills receivable and interest.....  | 136 00               |
| January 4,   | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 687 59               |
| January 29,  | Bills receivable and interest.....  | 358 00               |
| February 7,  | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 5,177 33             |
| March 13,    | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 541 47               |
| April 9,     | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 786 43               |
| May 14,      | Cash from Superintendent.....       | 3,000 00—\$17,512 96 |
| 1877.        |                                     |                      |
| December 15, | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | \$4,729 20           |
| 1878.        |                                     |                      |
| January 4,   | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 2,881 25             |
| February 7,  | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 2,040 41             |
| March 13,    | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 1,078 96             |
| April 9,     | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 1,517 63             |
| May 14,      | Paid orders Board of Directors..... | 1,164 28             |
| June 1,      | Balance in Treasurer's hands.....   | 4,101 23—\$17,512 96 |

I solemnly swear that the foregoing account is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAS. K. SMITH,  
*Treasurer.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 11th day of June, A. D. 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public,*



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

MOUNDSVILLE, Dec 5, 1878,

*To His Excellency, HENRY M. MATHEWS,*

*Governor of West Virginia, Wheeling, W. Va:*

SIR: The Directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary respectfully submit their semi-annual report of the workings of said institution for the six months ending on the 30th day of November, 1878, which taken with our previous semi-annual reports will give you a full and complete account of the administration of the affairs of this institution since our appointment as Directors.

We are pleased to be able to state that the economical conduct of the prison, together with a high order of discipline has been maintained.

All the prison labor, not needed for the use of the same, is now under contract at the following prices and terms.

To Augustus Pollock Esq., of Wheeling, to manufacture cigars from twenty to fifty convicts, at the rate of two dollars per thousand for cigars, and one dollar per thousand for stogies. This contract expires June 15th, 1879.

To Weaver & Bardall, whip manufacturers, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., about sixty hands at 25 cts. per day; contract expires August 13th, 1881. And to Weaver, Bardall & Co., in the manufacture of brooms, about thirty-five hands at 25 cts. per day. This contract expires on the 15th day of May, 1881. To the Webster Wagon Company, a company incorporated under the laws of the State of West Virginia, about sixty hands, with privilege of increasing the same to one hundred, in the manufacture of wagons, sleighs &c., at the rate of thirty

(30) cents per day; contract to expire June 29th, 1883. As we observed before, these contracts take up all the convicts except what are used in the kitchen, shoe shop for convicts' shoes, tailor shop, laundry, and those that are in the hospital.

With this disposition of the convicts confined in this institution, we are satisfied; and think it most advantageous, both to the convict and to the State.

The question has been agitated to some extent, as to what should be the punishment inflicted upon criminals in our State. The uniform policy of all the older States has been to make hard labor a part of the sentence of criminals to the Penitentiary. A life of idleness, or solitary confinement, would certainly be injurious to both the mind and body of the convict. Whatever may be developed in the future, in regard to solving this question, we are decided upon this point: that there are only two ways of disposing of convicts sent to the Penitentiary, namely: keep them in *solitary confinement* at an immense expense to the tax payers of the State; or contract their labor out to responsible parties. And as the appropriations to this institution were not of a character to warrant us in adopting the solitary confinement system, we had only to adopt the other plan, and let the labor of the prisoners confined here, as we have indicated. We think that prison labor is a necessity, both as a sanitary and disciplinary measure. Now, if it is decided that convicts should labor—that labor is a necessity—the only other question to decide is, whether that labor can be employed by the State in such a manner as to make it approximate to the sustenance of the prisoner. The experience of this institution, as well as the Penitentiaries of other States whose reports we have examined, establish, with singular unanimity, the fact that it is not advisable for the State to work convict labor on its own account, in the manufacture of any kind of product; that in nearly all cases the cost of production exceeds the value of the product.

At the present contract price of labor in the prison, with the limited number of convicts confined, the proceeds will not quite make the institution self-sustaining.

We herewith give you the following estimates of the probable "Ordinary expenses and receipts for the six months ending on the 31st day of May, 1879," based upon an average prison population of 220 State, and 30 Federal prisoners:

## EXPENSES.

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| For profit and loss.....      | \$ 150 00            |
| For drugs and medicines.....  | 100 00               |
| For salaries.....             | 7,500 00             |
| For expense account.....      | 850 00               |
| For clothing and bedding..... | 850 00               |
| For fuel and lights.....      | 725 00               |
| For discharged convicts.....  | 175 00               |
| For Provisions.....           | 3,000 00—\$13,350 00 |

## RECEIPTS.

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| From convict labor.....             | \$7,350 00       |
| From boarding federal convicts..... | 1,350 00         |
| From visitors.....                  | 50 00—\$8,750 00 |
| Expense over income.....            | 4,600 00         |

Which will leave a deficiency as shown above, of \$4,600.00, which will comprise a part of the appropriation that will be asked for.

We herewith submit a memoranda of expenditures during the six months ending Nov. 30th, '78, for permanent improvements.

*For Power, Machinery, Shafting and Heating.*

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| A. J. Sweeney & Son's bill..... | \$1,584 52 |
| Wm. Hare's bill, (heating)..... | 185 00     |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$1,769 52 |

*For Water Works.*

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| S. D. Hubbard & Co's. bill.....              | \$2,617 23 |
| Wm. Hare, improvement in warden's house..... | 104 90     |
| Lumber and material.....                     | 182 40     |
|                                              | <hr/>      |
|                                              | \$2,904 53 |

*For Work Shops.*

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Brick furnished by Penitentiary..... | \$1,489 73 |
| Material and hired labor.. .         | 4,687 01   |
|                                      | <hr/>      |
|                                      | \$6,176 74 |

*For Repairs on Warden's House.*

|                                                                            |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Material for iron windows &c.....                                          | \$173 25    |
| Making a total of expenditures of this class for the above period, of..... | <hr/>       |
|                                                                            | \$11,024 04 |

We have also contracted with Messrs. Thompson & Hibberd, of Wheeling, for heating parts of shops No. 2 and 3, by steam, at the price of \$1,150.00.

The appropriations made at the last session of the Legislature of \$7,740.00, for pay of guards was exhausted May 14th, 1878.

The appropriation of \$10,000.00 for support of convicts was exhausted on the 13th day of August last, and the appropriations for salaries of the Superintendent, Clerk and Commissary, on the 30th day of September, 1878, with no other appropriations to be drawn from.

We would respectfully urge that you recommend to the Legislature the necessity of a revision of the Penitentiary law, more especially the law governing the awarding of contracts for labor. We have already experienced embarrassments in following its provisions.

We ask as an appropriation in detail for the Penitentiary for the next two years as follows.

|                                                                                                                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| For deficiency in the appropriation of last two years.....                                                                                 | \$4,000 00 |
| For building front portico to Warden's building.....                                                                                       | 800 00     |
| For building stable.....                                                                                                                   | 1,000 00   |
| For heating cell building.. .                                                                                                              | 2,000 00   |
| For building main sewer from prison to place of discharge, and paying for right of way for same.. .                                        | 1,500 00   |
| For salary of Superintendent, per annum.. .                                                                                                | 1,500 00   |
| For salary of Clerk, per annum.....                                                                                                        | 1,000 00   |
| For salary of Commissary, per annum.....                                                                                                   | 1,000 00   |
| For salary of Physician, per annum.....                                                                                                    | 500 00     |
| For paying Guards, support of convicts, &c., being the estimated cost of the same in excess of receipts from convict labor, per annum..... | 10,000 00  |

For a full and complete exhibit in detail of the several departments of the prison, showing its condition financially and otherwise, reference is made to the elaborate reports of the Treasurer, Superintendent, Clerk, Physician and Commissary.

We would respectfully call your attention again to the necessity of some legislation on the subject of the right of way for the main sewer from the prison to Grave Creek, in regard to which a suit is now pending. The right to condemn land for the purpose should be given by law, if it does not already exist.

Hoping that the cordial relations that has characterized our official intercourse with your excellency may continue during our term of office.

We remain, very respectfully,

J. W. GALLAHER,  
A. WILSON,  
THOMAS G. SMITH,  
JAMES K. SMITH,  
*Directors.*

Sworn to by J. W. Gallaher, A. Wilson and Thos. G. Smith, and James K. Smith, and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 5th day of December, 1878:

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., December 1st, 1878.

*To the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Penitentiary :*

GENTLEMEN:—As required by law, I herewith submit for your consideration my semi-annual report, as Superintendent of this institution, for the six months ending November 30th.

Nothing out of the usual routine has occurred at the prison since my last report.

The rules adopted for the government of the prison have been rigidly enforced, and I feel justified in saying that no similar institution in the country can boast of stricter discipline or better order than this.

The prisoners have worked industriously, and appear well contented generally.

The sanitary condition of the prison has been good; as is shown by the report of Dr. G. W. Bruce, medical officer, herewith appended.

No escapes have been made since my former report; in fact, no escapes have been effected for the past three or four years.

In respect to the morality of the prisoners, I am satisfied a very decided improvement has been effected. Religious services are held in the prison every Sabbath, in which a large proportion of the convicts take a deep interest.

I would beg leave to express especial thanks for the obligations we are under to the Reverend — Warden, — Pomeroy, and — Curtis, who have visited the prison alternately and conducted the religious services.

For a detailed statement of the working of the commissary department, your attention is called to the report of A. J. Martin, Commissary.

For an exhibit of the financial affairs of the institution, I would call your attention to the very concise report of Frank W. Brown, Clerk.

An examination of the above-mentioned reports will show that every department of the institution has been judiciously and economically managed, and we feel proud to be able to assert that the expense of supporting two hundred and fifty-three prisoners for the past six months has not exceeded the cost of keeping one hundred

and three for a corresponding time during the year 1871—an assertion which a comparison of the reports of the Superintendent and Commissary for the two dates will demonstrate the truthfulness of.

By reference to the statement marked "A," and herewith annexed, you will find that I have taken the good time of forty-four convicts during the past six months.

This may appear to be a large number for the time, but when the strictness of our rules is considered, and that for every violation, no matter how trifling, the prisoner is reported by the guard under whose charge he is to the Superintendent for trial and punishment, and each and every charge is entered against him in a record book kept for that purpose, and when the Superintendent is convinced, from the number and character of said charges, that the prisoner is not endeavoring to comply with the rules of the institution, he deprives him of the good time he would otherwise have been entitled to. When all the above facts are considered, the number who have been thus punished will not appear unreasonably large.

I find that a large number of prisoners, during the first few months of their imprisonment, are guilty of repeated violations of rules, who afterward become good, orderly, obedient men, and I would respectfully recommend that the Board of Directors ask the Legislature to pass an act granting the Superintendent, or the Board of Directors, the power to restore the good time forfeited, in cases where subsequent good behavior merited it.

Reference to the statement marked "B," will show that the labor of 202 prisoners is now leased to contractors, for which the State receives from 25 to 30 cents per day per man.

This amount appears small when we take into consideration the fact that the institution furnishes shop-room and steam power, and also boards, guards, clothes and furnishes medical attendance to the prisoners; but you are well aware of the fact that every effort was made, by means of newspaper advertisements, &c., to secure the highest bids for the labor. I also visited other similar institutions personally, and used every effort in my power to induce capitalists and manufacturers to come and lease the labor, as it was plainly apparent that unless the prisoners could be hired to contractors, it would be necessary to keep them confined in their cells, as it was utterly impossible for us to keep them employed on State account, without money with which to purchase the requisite machinery and material for carrying on the different branches of manufacturing, for which purpose the Legislature failed to make any appropriation whatever; nor is it likely that the next Legislature will be willing to appropriate anything like the amount that would be necessary in order to make the work of the prisoners remunerative.

As an indication of the amount of capital it would require to utilize the labor of the prisoners now here, I submit the following statement of amount of capital employed by the different contractors:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Webster Wagon Company.....         | \$25,000 00 |
| Weaver & Bardall (whips)....       | 20,000 00   |
| Weaver, Bardall & Co. (brooms).... | 6,000 00    |
| A. Pollock (cigars).....           | 10,000 00   |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$61,000 00 |

There has also been 7,950 days' labor performed by convicts for the use of the State since my last report, which, if calculated at thirty cents per day, would amount to \$2,385.00. This item does not appear in our financial exhibit, but is really a saving of that amount to the State.

That the subject of prison labor being leased out to contractors is, just at the present time, attracting considerable attention throughout the State, I am fully aware, and among other objections urged against it are the following:

*First*—That contractors do necessarily obtain so much control in the management of a prison and its inmates that it becomes subversive to discipline, and thereby lessens the hope of reforming the criminal.

This objection is well founded only when the officer representing the State in that behalf, permits a contractor to acquire such control by the terms of the contract, or when the terms are not clearly defined.

In all the contracts which have been made by the Board of Directors with the several firms for the labor of convicts, the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of both the contracting parties have been so distinctly set forth that no controversy has arisen, and no interference with the government of the prison allowed.

The second objection is that the system gives the contractors the power to oppress the convicts, and subject them to needless and cruel punishment.

This power is especially guarded against in all our contracts. To each of the shop-rooms in which prisoners work, a guard, designated by the Superintendent, is assigned, whose duty it is to preserve order and require every one to perform a fair and reasonable day's work, and is the sole judge whether or not a convict deserves punishment.

The contractors themselves, and all their employees, are subject to all the rules established for the government of the prison, and may be excluded for a breach of any such rules, and are also required to subscribe to the same form of oath as administered to the officers and guards.

I merely refer to the above objections in order to show that they are entirely groundless as far as our prison and prisoners are concerned.

In giving these views, I do not desire to be considered as advocating any particular plan or disposition to be made of the convict labor of this State, but what has been done in the way of contracting convict labor, so far as my influence was concerned in the matter, was to give employment to the convicts, rather than keep them in idleness.

Since my last semi-annual report, the water works have been completed, and we now have an ample supply of water forced from the Ohio river.

We have also erected a two-story brick workshop 234 feet long and 40 feet wide, and furnished throughout with steam heaters, as are all the shops.

I would respectfully suggest that the Board of Directors request the Legislature to make an appropriation of money sufficient to complete the portico or steps in front of the Warden's building, as orig-

inally designed by the architect; building wash-house, bake-house and stable; to heat the cell building; and, also, that some means be adopted and procured for the extinguishment of fire should one occur.

I would further suggest that the office of Assistant Superintendent be created, as such an officer is almost indispensably necessary to the management of the prison, this being the only State in the Union where such an office does not exist.

In concluding my report, which is much longer than I had any idea of when commencing, it remains for me to express the kindly appreciation I have for the services and aid that all the subordinate officers of the institution have given me in enforcing the rules, economizing and taking care of the property of the State, and to make my cordial acknowledgements to you, gentlemen of the Board of Directors, for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which you have received me, both in my official and social capacity.

I have the honor, gentlemen,

To remain your very obedient servant,

W. L. BRIDGES,  
*Superintendent.*

Sworn to by W. L. Bridges, *Supt.*, and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 7th day of December, 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

*Names and Offenses of Convicts Who Have Forfeited "Good Time"  
During the Last Six Months.*

| NAME.                         | CAUSE OF FORFEITURE.             | DATE.           |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wm. Williams.....             | Repeated violation of rules..... | June 30, 1878.  |
| Alonzo Booth.....             | same.....                        | July 7, 1878.   |
| Wm. Coulston (colored).....   | same.....                        | July 21, 1878.  |
| J. W. Bateman.....            | same.....                        | Aug. 4, 1878.   |
| Fred Reeves (colored).....    | same.....                        | same            |
| Jas. Hamilton.....            | same.....                        | Aug. 18, 1878.  |
| Wm. Taylor (colored).....     | same.....                        | same            |
| Sylvester Mahew.....          | same.....                        | Aug. 25, 1878.  |
| Pat. O'Donnell.....           | same.....                        | Sept. 1, 1878.  |
| Ed. Burns.....                | same.....                        | Sept. 8, 1878.  |
| T. J. Cremins.....            | same.....                        | same            |
| Samuel Girtman.....           | same.....                        | same            |
| W. W. Miller.....             | same.....                        | same            |
| W. Goodman.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| Chas. Clark.....              | same.....                        | same            |
| Chas. Craig.....              | same.....                        | same            |
| Richard Hodgins.....          | same.....                        | Sept 15, 1878.  |
| J. B. Cook.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| Geo. Brown.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| Thos. McDaniels.....          | same.....                        | Sept. 22, 1878. |
| Kerby Frank.....              | same.....                        | same            |
| James A. Fisher.....          | same.....                        | same            |
| Winfield Dean.....            | same.....                        | Sept. 27, 1878. |
| John Thompson.....            | same.....                        | Sept. 29, 1878. |
| Alex. McGoffen.....           | same.....                        | same            |
| Chas. Kingsley.....           | same.....                        | same            |
| Lock Kenley.....              | same.....                        | same            |
| Thos. Gallavay.....           | same.....                        | same            |
| Jno. Fritz.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| J. P. Cook.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| J. A. Bromley.....            | same.....                        | same            |
| Marshall Boyer (colored)..... | same.....                        | same            |
| Alonzo Broome.....            | same.....                        | same            |
| John Bonner (colored).....    | same.....                        | Oct. 6, 1878.   |
| Wm. Bartholemew.....          | same.....                        | same            |
| Walter Burns.....             | same.....                        | same            |
| J. D. Campbell.....           | same.....                        | same            |
| Thos. Fritz.....              | same.....                        | same            |
| Henry Goodwin.....            | same.....                        | same            |
| Allen Jones (colored).....    | same.....                        | same            |
| R. S. Long.....               | same.....                        | same            |
| Chas. McVickers.....          | same.....                        | same            |
| Jas. Thompson.....            | same.....                        | same            |
| J. F. Varner.....             | same.....                        | same            |

Total, 44.

*Statement showing the number of convicts employed in each department:*

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Cigar shop.....                | 48        |
| Whip shop.....                 | 59        |
| Wagon and paint shop.....      | 62        |
| Broom shop.....                | 32        |
|                                | <hr/> 202 |
| Wash house and patch shop..... | 7         |
| Engineer and firemen.....      | 2         |
| Kitchen.....                   | 6         |
| Bake house.....                | 2         |
| Carpenter and repair shop..... | 2         |
| Waiters.....                   | 2         |
| Wagon gate.....                | 1         |
| Women.....                     | 4         |
| Teamsters and stables.....     | 8         |
| Shoemakers.....                | 2         |
| Sweepers—cell building.....    | 2         |
| Hospital steward.....          | 1         |
| Tailors.....                   | 2         |
| Hospital—sick.....             | 6         |
| Criples and disabled.....      | 5         |
| Total.....                     | <hr/> 248 |

\*Employed by contractors.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CLERK.

WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,  
MOUNDSVILLE, Dec. 1st, 1878.

*To the Honorable President and Board of Directors, W. Va. Penitentiary:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present the following report for the six months, ending Nov. 30th, 1878.

The average number of prisoners for the time named was 253 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the daily cost for their maintenance and safekeeping as follows:

|                                        |                |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| For profit and loss.....               | .00 15-23 cts. |
| For drugs and medicines.....           | .00 5-23 "     |
| For salaries .....                     | .18 20-23 "    |
| For expenses.....                      | .01 19-23 "    |
| For clothing and bedding .....         | .01 20-23 "    |
| For fuel and lights.....               | .01 8-23 "     |
| For discharged convicts .....          | .00 9-23 "     |
| For Provisions and Hospital.....       | .06 12-23 "    |
| <hr/>                                  |                |
| Making a daily cost per capita of..... | .31 16-23 cts. |

Hoping my duties have been discharged in a satisfactory manner,

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK W. BROWN,  
*Clerk.*

### STATEMENT 1st DEC., 1878.

|                             |              |                               |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Profit and loss.....        | \$292,951 01 | State of West Virginia.....   | \$663,727 92 |
| Construction .....          | 366,961 36   | Officers and guards . . . . . | 1,133 66     |
| Bill receivable.....        | 792 38       | Sundry creditors.....         | 6,321 78     |
| Cash .....                  | 1,456 67     |                               |              |
| Merchandise.....            | 2,611 17     |                               |              |
| U. S. Government .....      | 726 25       |                               |              |
| J. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 11 33        |                               |              |
| Furniture and fixtures..... | 1,500 00     |                               |              |
| Contractors.....            | 1,021 30     |                               |              |
| Closed accounts .....       | 1,742 43     |                               |              |
| Sundry debtors.....         | 1,409 56     |                               |              |
| <hr/>                       |              | <hr/>                         |              |
|                             | \$671,183 36 |                               | \$671,183 36 |

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## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

|                               |                   |                                 |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bills receivable.....         | \$ 792 88         | Officers and guards.....        | \$1,133 66        |
| Cash.....                     | 1,456 57          | Sundry creditors.....           | 6,821 78          |
| Merchandise.....              | 2,611 17          |                                 |                   |
| U. S. Government.....         | 726 25            |                                 |                   |
| Jas. K. Smith, Treasurer..... | 11 33             |                                 |                   |
| Contractors.....              | 1,021 30          |                                 |                   |
| Sundry debtors.....           | 1,409 56          | Balance in favor of prison..... | 573 12            |
|                               | <u>\$8,028 56</u> |                                 | <u>\$8,028 56</u> |

## ORDINARY EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS.

|                          |                    |                              |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Profit and loss.....     | \$ 300 03          | Brick yard.....              | \$1,505 54         |
| Drugs and medicines..... | 104 02             | Convict labor.....           | 5,852 46           |
| Salaries.....            | 8,763 68           | Visitors.....                | 182 75             |
| Expense.....             | 848 12             | Boarding U. S. convicts..... | 1,893 00           |
| Clothing and bedding..   | 866 68             |                              |                    |
| Fuel and lights.....     | 631 41             |                              |                    |
| Discharged convicts..... | 177 00             |                              |                    |
| Provisions.....          | 3,030 23           | Expense over income.....     | 5,287 42           |
|                          | <u>\$14,721 17</u> |                              | <u>\$14,721 17</u> |

## BRICK YARD.

|                                |                   |                              |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1878.                          |                   | 1878.                        |                   |
| 1st June, Stock on hand.....   | \$ 804 00         | 30th Nov. Stock sold.....    | \$2,156 23        |
| 30th Nov. Stock purchased..... | 420 69            | 30th Nov. Stock on hand..... | 574 00            |
| Net gain.....                  | 1,505 54          |                              |                   |
|                                | <u>\$2,730 23</u> |                              | <u>\$2,730 23</u> |

## CASH ACCOUNT.

WM. L. BRIDGES, *Superintendent.*

|                                                 |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1878.                                           |                      |
| June 1, Balance in hands of Superintendent..... | \$1,621 33           |
| June 30, Received during the month.....         | 869 35               |
| July 31, Received during the month.....         | 863 20               |
| Aug. 31, Received during the month.....         | 2,442 63             |
| Sept. 30, Received during the month.....        | 1,128 61             |
| Oct. 31, Received during the month.....         | 2,142 74             |
| Nov. 30, Received during the month.....         | 1,618 06—\$10,685 92 |

## CREDITS.

|                                                |                     |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1878.                                          |                     |
| June 30, Paid during the month.....            | 1,902 11            |
| July 31, Paid during the month.....            | 728 97              |
| Aug. 31, Paid during the month.....            | 960 93              |
| Sept. 30, Paid during the month.....           | 3,101 10            |
| Oct. 31, Paid during the month.....            | 513 93              |
| Nov. 30, Paid during the month.....            | 2,022 31—\$9,229 35 |
| June 1, Balance in Superintendent's hands..... | <u>\$1,456 57</u>   |

## APPROPRIATIONS.

*For Support of Convicts.*

|                                               |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1878.                                         |                 |
| June 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn..... | \$2,436 58      |
| 1878.                                         |                 |
| Aug. 13, Draft on Auditor.....                | <u>2,436 58</u> |

## WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY.

*For Salary of Superintendent.*

|                                               |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1878.                                         |         |          |
| June 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn..... |         | \$500 00 |
| 1878.                                         |         |          |
| June 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | 125 00  |          |
| July 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | 125 00  |          |
| Aug. 13, Draft on Auditor.....                | 125 00  |          |
| Sept. 12, Draft on Auditor.....               | 125 00— | \$500 00 |

*For Salary of Clerk.*

|                                               |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1878.                                         |         |          |
| June 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn ..   |         | \$416 66 |
| June 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn..... |         | 416 66   |
| 1878.                                         |         |          |
| June 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | \$83 33 |          |
| July 11, Draft on Auditor .....               | 83 33   |          |
| Aug. 13, Draft on Auditor.....                | 83 34   |          |
| Sept. 12, Draft on Auditor .....              | 83 33   |          |
| Oct. 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | 83 33—  | \$416 66 |

*For Salary of Commissary.*

|                                               |         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1878.                                         |         |           |
| June 1, Balance of appropriation undrawn..... |         | \$ 416 66 |
| 1878.                                         |         |           |
| June 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | \$83 33 |           |
| July 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | 83 33   |           |
| Aug. 13, Draft on Auditor .....               | 83 34   |           |
| Sept. 12, Draft on Auditor .....              | 83 33   |           |
| Oct. 11, Draft on Auditor.....                | 83 33—  | \$416 66  |

*Statement Showing the number of prisoners on the 1st day of June, 1878 ;  
the number received, discharged, pardoned, died and the number re-  
maining Nov. 30th, 1878 :*

## FEDERAL PRISONERS.

| STATE.             | Number of prisoners<br>June 1st, 1878. | Number received. | Number discharged. | Number pardoned. | Number died. | Number remaining Nov.<br>30th, 1878. |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| West Virginia..... | 12                                     | 1                | 4                  | 5                | .....        | 4                                    |
| Virginia.....      | 9                                      | 3                | 9                  | .....            | .....        | 3                                    |
| Louisiana.....     | 10                                     | .....            | 1                  | .....            | .....        | 9                                    |
| Arkansas.....      | 12                                     | .....            | 8                  | 1                | 1            | 2                                    |
| Texas.....         | 10                                     | .....            | 1                  | 1                | .....        | 8                                    |
| Ohio.....          | 1                                      | 3                | .....              | .....            | .....        | 4                                    |
|                    | 54                                     | 7                | 23                 | 7                | 1            | 30                                   |

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## STATE PRISONERS.

| COUNTY.         | Number of prisoners<br>June 1st, 1878. | Number received. | Number Discharged. | Number Pardoned. | Number Died. | Number remaining Nov.<br>30th, 1878. |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Barbour.....    | 7                                      | 4                |                    | 1                |              | 10                                   |
| Berkeley.....   | 7                                      | 6                | 1                  |                  |              | 12                                   |
| Boone.....      | 1                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Braxton.....    | 4                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 4                                    |
| Cabell.....     | 12                                     |                  |                    | 1                |              | 11                                   |
| Clay ..         | 2                                      |                  | 1                  |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Doddridge ..    | 6                                      |                  | 3                  |                  |              | 3                                    |
| Fayette.....    | 11                                     |                  |                    | 1                |              | 12                                   |
| Grant ..        |                                        | 2                |                    |                  |              | 2                                    |
| Greenbrier..... | 7                                      | 3                | 1                  |                  |              | 9                                    |
| Hampshire.....  | 4                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 4                                    |
| Hardy.....      | 2                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 2                                    |
| Harrison ..     | 5                                      | 1                |                    | 1                |              | 5                                    |
| Jackson.....    | 1                                      | 1                | 1                  |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Jefferson.....  | 3                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 3                                    |
| Kanawha ..      | 19                                     | 1                | 3                  |                  |              | 17                                   |
| Lewis.....      | 3                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 3                                    |
| Lincoln ..      |                                        | 1                |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Marion ..       | 7                                      |                  | 2                  |                  |              | 5                                    |
| Marshall.....   | 3                                      | 1                | 1                  | 1                |              | 2                                    |
| Mason.....      | 5                                      | 1                | 1                  |                  |              | 5                                    |
| Mineral ..      | 5                                      | 1                |                    |                  |              | 6                                    |
| Monongalia ..   | 9                                      |                  | 3                  |                  |              | 6                                    |
| Monroe ..       | 5                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 5                                    |
| McDowell ..     | 1                                      |                  | 1                  |                  |              |                                      |
| Ohio.....       | 12                                     | 1                | 3                  | 1                |              | 9                                    |
| Pendleton.....  | 2                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 2                                    |
| Preston ..      | 5                                      | 1                |                    |                  |              | 6                                    |
| Pocahontas..... | 1                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Putnam ..       | 5                                      |                  | 2                  | 1                |              | 2                                    |
| Raleigh ..      | 1                                      | 2                |                    |                  |              | 3                                    |
| Randolph ..     | 1                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Ritchie.....    | 5                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 5                                    |
| Summers.....    | 6                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 6                                    |
| Taylor.....     | 5                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 5                                    |
| Tyler.....      |                                        | 1                |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
| Upshur.....     | 6                                      |                  | 1                  |                  | 1            | 4                                    |
| Wayne.....      | 2                                      | 1                |                    |                  |              | 3                                    |
| Weitzel ..      | 9                                      |                  |                    |                  |              | 9                                    |
| Wirt ..         | 1                                      | 1                |                    |                  | 1            | 1                                    |
| Wood.....       | 28                                     | 3                | 1                  | 1                |              | 29                                   |
| Wyoming.....    | 2                                      |                  | 2                  |                  |              |                                      |
| Webster.....    |                                        | 1                |                    |                  |              | 1                                    |
|                 | 220                                    | 35               | 27                 | 8                | 2            | 218                                  |

Total State prisoners ..... 218

Total Federal prisoners... 30

Grand total..... 248

Average number of prisoners for 6 months..... 253 $\frac{2}{3}$

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing report is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
Clerk.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 9th day of December, 1878.

THOMAS FINN,  
Clerk County Court, Marshall County, W. Va.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSARY.

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WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,  
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT,

MOUNDSVILLE, June 1st, 1878.

*To the President and Board of Directors West Virginia Penitentiary,  
Moundsville, W. Va.*

GENTLEMEN—I again have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration, my report for the six months ending November 30, 1878; showing the expenditures of the commissary department of the institution during that time.

The average number of prisoners confined here, and for whom provision has been made within the period embraced, was 253 $\frac{2}{3}$  daily; the total cost of diet \$2,800.82, giving a daily average per capita of 6 $\frac{1}{8}$  cents, a small reduction since my last report. This result has been attained by the practice of the strictest economy in this department, and not at the expense of the prisoners, by stinting them in their food, as their general health and appearance will indicate.

Trusting that the duties of my office have been performed to your entire satisfaction,

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. MARTIN,  
Commissary,

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*Amount of Provisions on hand, purchased and consumed during the six months ending December 1, 1878.*

| Amount of provisions on hand on the first day of December, 1878. | Amount of provisions purchased during the month ending December 1st, 1878. | Amount of provisions consumed during the month ending December 1st, 1878. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 515 lbs beef, 5½c.....\$ 28 33                                   | On hand June 1st, 1878..\$ 68 54                                           | 7,767 lbs. beef.....\$ 457 07                                             |
| 225 lbs. mess pork, 5c..... 11 25                                | 8,282 lbs. beef ..... 485 40                                               | 7,570 lbs. bacon..... 556 49                                              |
| 355 lbs. bacon, 6c. .... 21 30                                   | 7,814 lbs. bacon..... 538 08                                               | 5,813 lbs. mess pork..... 319 58                                          |
| 3,574 lbs. potatoes..... 35 74                                   | 5,923 lbs. mess pork..... 324 65                                           | 518 lbs. shoulders..... 31 08                                             |
| 148 lbs. beans, 2¾c..... 4 07                                    | 518 lbs. shoulders..... 31 08                                              | 27,924 lbs. flour..... 591 10                                             |
| 28 lbs coffee, 19c ..... 5 32                                    | 27,924 lbs flour..... 591 10                                               | 22,588 lbs. corn meal..... 236 86                                         |
| 9 lbs. pepper, 18c..... 1 62                                     | 22,588 lbs. corn meal.... 236 86                                           | 9,615 lbs. potatoes ..... 89 05                                           |
| 491 pumpkins, 3c..... 14 73                                      | 13,189 lbs. potatoes..... 124 79                                           | 200 heads cabbage..... 10 00                                              |
| 57 lbs. rice 7½c..... 4 43                                       | 200 heads cabbage..... 10 00                                               | 26½ bus tomatoes..... 10 60                                               |
| 160 lbs. hominy, 1½c..... 2 80                                   | 26 bus. tomatoes ..... 10 60                                               | 16 doz. corn..... 1 00                                                    |
| 10 bus. turnips, 30c..... 3 00                                   | 16 doz. corn..... 1 00                                                     | 1 bbl. radishes..... 1 75                                                 |
| 5 40-50 bus. onions, 50c... 2 90                                 | 1 bbl. radishes..... 1 75                                                  | 6¾ bus. onions..... 5 06                                                  |
| 6 bbls. kraut..... 21 00                                         | 12 27-50 bus. onions ... 7 96                                              | 500 doz. onions..... 20 00                                                |
| 19 boxes ess. coffee..... 30                                     | 500 doz. onions ..... 20 00                                                | 553 lbs. dried apples..... 10 36                                          |
|                                                                  | 553 lbs. dried apples..... 10 36                                           | 161 lbs rice..... 11 01                                                   |
|                                                                  | 118 lbs. rice..... 7 17                                                    | 2,196 lbs. hominy..... 29 60                                              |
|                                                                  | 2,206 lbs. hominy..... 30 25                                               | 1,325 lbs. beans..... 41 59                                               |
|                                                                  | 1,361 lbs. beans ..... 42 12                                               | 742 lbs. coffee..... 144 31                                               |
|                                                                  | 756 lbs coffee ..... 146 83                                                | 1,675 lbs. salt..... 13 60                                                |
|                                                                  | 1,675 lbs salt..... 18 60                                                  | 27 lbs. pepper..... 5 10                                                  |
|                                                                  | 24 lbs. pepper.... 4 32                                                    | 434 gal. syrup..... 147 22                                                |
|                                                                  | 434½ gal. syrup..... 147 22                                                | 8½ gal. vinegar..... 1 54                                                 |
|                                                                  | 144 bxs. essence coffee... 2 70                                            | 183 boxes ess. coffee..... 3 61                                           |
|                                                                  | 8 bbls. kraut..... 29 00                                                   | 2½ bbls kraut . . . . . 9 33                                              |
|                                                                  | 32½ bbls apples ..... 21 38                                                | 32½ bbls. apples..... 21 88                                               |
|                                                                  | 20 bus. sweet potatoes... 13 00                                            | 20 bus. sweet potatoes.... 13 00                                          |
|                                                                  | 800 pumpkins ..... 24 00                                                   | 309 pumpkins ..... 9 27                                                   |
|                                                                  | 15 bus. turnips ..... 4 25                                                 | 5 bus. turnips..... 1 25                                                  |
|                                                                  |                                                                            | 2,800 82                                                                  |
|                                                                  |                                                                            | On hand, Dec. 1, 1879.... 156 79                                          |
| \$156 79                                                         | 2,957 61                                                                   | 2,957 61                                                                  |

Daily dietary cost per capita for six months, 6 1-30 cents.

I do solemnly affirm that the foregoing report is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. J. MARTIN,  
Commissary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN,  
Notary Public.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.

FETTERMAN, W. VA., December 1st, 1878.

JAMES K. SMITH, *Treasurer,*

*In account with* WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY,

1878.

|           |                                            |                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| June      | 1, To Balance,                             | \$4,101 23           |
| June      | 30, To amount received during the month,   | 600 00               |
| July      | 31, To amount received during the month,   | 588 57               |
| August    | 31, To amount received during the month .. | 3,159 38             |
| September | 30, To amount received during the month,   | 2,600 00             |
| October   | 31, To amount received during the month,   | 232 00               |
| November  | 30, To amount received during the month,   | 4,790 82—\$16,072 00 |

### CREDITS.

1878.

|           |                                       |                      |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| June      | 30, By amount paid during month,      | \$1,614 07           |
| July      | 30, By amount paid during month,      | 2,547 77             |
| August    | 31, By amount paid during month....   | 1,897 02             |
| September | 30, By amount paid during month,      | 2,722 02             |
| October   | 31, By amount paid during month,      | 2,367 24             |
| November  | 30, By amount paid during month ..... | 4,912 56—\$16,060 68 |
| December  | 1, Balance on hand,                   | \$11 32              |

I do solemnly swear that the foregoing report is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES K. SMITH,  
*Treasurer.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in my County and State, this 5th day of December, 1878.

FRANK. W. BROWN,  
*Notary Public.*

# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

*To the Board of Directors West Virginia Penitentiary:*

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a report of the Medical Department of the institution for the six months ending November 30th, 1878:

| DISEASE.                                 | NO. OF CASES. |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ulcerated Tibia.....                     | 1             |
| Lunacy .....                             | 1             |
| Diarrhea.....                            | 12            |
| Dysentery .....                          | 23            |
| Rheumatism—acute .....                   | 5             |
| Hemorrhoids—piles .....                  | 2             |
| Otitis—inflammation of ear.....          | 1             |
| Neuralgia.....                           | 5             |
| Pharyngitis—inflammation of throat ..... | 1             |
| Hematuria—bloody urine. ....             | 1             |
| Spermatorrhea.....                       | 1             |
| Fever—remittent.....                     | 1             |
| Fever—nervous.....                       | 1             |
| Fever—continued.....                     | 1             |
| Vertigo.....                             | 1             |
| Congestion of bowels.....                | 1             |
| Congestion of lungs .....                | 5             |
| Ophthalmia—inflammation of eyes.....     | 1             |
| Scrofula .....                           | 1             |
| Coup de soleil—sun stroke.....           | 2             |
| Lumbago.....                             | 1             |
| Erythema—skin disease.....               | 1             |
| Incontinence of urine.....               | 1             |
| Hemorrhage of bowels .....               | 1             |
| Quinsy.....                              | 1             |
| Cholera morbus .....                     | 1             |
| Peritonitis—inflammation of bowels.....  | 1             |
| Phthisis pulmonalis—consumption .....    | 2             |
| Colic.....                               | 1             |
| Felon.....                               | 2             |
| Torticollis—wry neck.....                | 1             |
| Epilepsy—fits .....                      | 2             |
| General debility.....                    | 1             |
| Hemia—rupture.....                       | 1             |
| Nephralgia—pain in kidneys.....          | 1             |
| Injury of head .....                     | 1             |
| Injury of back.....                      | 1             |
| Injury of finger.....                    | 2             |
| Injury of hand .....                     | 1             |
| Injury of leg.....                       | 2             |
| Injury of foot.....                      | 1             |
| Abscess of jaw.....                      | 2             |
| Dropsy.....                              | 1             |
| Ulcer—of leg .....                       | 1             |
| Incontinence of urine.....               | 1             |
| Burn.....                                | 1             |

These men lost to the State during the month of :

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| June .....                                       | 124 days. |
| July.....                                        | 155 "     |
| August.....                                      | 185 "     |
| September.....                                   | 219 "     |
| October.....                                     | 104 "     |
| November.....                                    | 135 "     |
| Whole number of days lost in the six months..... | 922       |

#### *Deaths.*

Ezra Ours, of Upshur county, died of peritonitis, inflammation of the bowels, August 29th, 1878.

John Ousley, United States convict, died of pulmonary consumption, September 13th, 1878.

William McCarthy, of Wirt county, died of general debility, November 7th, 1878.

Crowman, (Indian) United States convict, died November 26th, 1878, of pulmonary consumption.

#### *Remarks.*

Noticing the number of days lost to the State, one hundred and fifty-five (155) were lost by one man, Edward Taylor. By reference to my daily report, I find that he was continuously on the sick list for seventeen (17) months. During a good portion of the two or three years preceding, he was disabled from duty by reason of his diseased leg. About a week ago he was pardoned.

There has not been a case of well marked typhoid fever for the last four or five years. Nor has there been a case of disease, the origin of which could be traced to malaria or anything dependent upon ill ventilation or bad drainage. To be sure every precaution has been taken to divert any calamity that might befall us from any of the above causes.

I wish to say a word with regard to the Indians who have had the misfortune to be placed under our care.

Of the six received in the institution, three (3) died before leaving the prison walls and three (3) served out their sentences. When they were first received, knowing of the peculiarity of their mode of living, every effort was made on the part of the officers to accommodate the food to their wants. They were even provided with an extra table and an improvised cook of their number furnished them, after they had been here some time they gradually fell in with the ways of the other convicts and ate at the same table and of the same food.

I have said that three died. The first one succumbed to an attack of dysentery. He was apparently getting better, but owing, I think, to some imprudence in his diet he was carried off. The next one never seemed to be well. He was the subject of rheumatism, and as a consequence had heart disease, which with sympathetic disease of the lungs, produced death. Poor fellow, he lived to serve out his sentence, but was never able to leave the prison walls. He died the day after his time expired.

The last one was the famous Arrapahoe warrior. He fell the victim to that bane of our Ohio river valley, consumption. By his signs and imperfect means of letting his wants known, he manifested a high regard for the officers and was grateful for any little attention in the way of nursing or diet.

Considering the number of prisoners and in a very many instances the confinement of two (2) in a cell, which circumstance is at the suggestion of the inmates themselves for the purpose of conducing to their bodily comfort, we have every reason to be thankful for the continued general good health of the convicts.

I cannot close this report without acknowledging my obligations to the officers, one and all, for their uniform kindness and assistance rendered me in the discharge of my duties.

Very respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. BRUCE,  
*Medical Officer.*

Sworn to and subscribed by George W. Bruce, before me, in my County and State, this 9th day of December, 1878.

FRANK W. BROWN.  
*Notary Public.*